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TAKE NOTE!

- "Pancakes and Praise" will be on July 14 from 10 am-noon. Your kids are invited to join us for a fun event where they can grow their faith in God!

The following is an excerpt from "Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share"

Why do the wicked live on, reach old age, and grow mighty in power? Their children are established in their presence, and their offspring before their eyes. Their houses are safe from fear, and no rod of God is upon them. Their bull breeds without fail; their cow calves and never miscarries. They send out their little ones like a flock, and their children dance around. They sing to the tambourine and the lyre, and rejoice to the sound of the pipe. They spend their days in prosperity, and in peace they go down to Sheol. —Job 21:7-13

It's not fair! Have you ever said that? We know that God is a God of fairness. So why is the world so unfair? Why do people who cheat others get rich? Why do those who kill others live long, healthy lives? Why do some people never get caught for doing wrong, while others get punished for something they did not do?

Job was struggling with these questions. He had tried his whole life to be kind to everyone and faithful to God. But many terrible things had happened to him. Then he looked at the wicked people around him, people who were not even trying to be good. And they were rich and happy. It wasn't fair!

Many unfair things happen in our world. What can we do? We can pray that God's justice will come to our whole world. And while we wait, we can try our best to act fairly in our part of the world.

Prayer: God of fairness, may your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Help me to be fair to others and to work for justice for everyone. Amen.

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Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to the “True North” VBS staff. From Monday until the ending celebration on Friday, June 6, these volunteers provided a fun-filled week for the youth of the community. Because of their hard work and dedication, VBS ran smoothly. From the lessons, experiments, music, games, crafts and snacks to the Friday closing celebration for family and friends, all had a great time. The offerings went to assist the tornado victims in the Marion, IL area. Thank you to our Westminster Church Family for their prayers and support during this week. A special thank you to all who contributed their time and talents, cookies or food items for snacks.

“Our works of service in Christ’s name May not be noticed by our peers;
But one day what we’ve done for Him Will be revealed when He appears.” Sper

On Monday, July 14, from 10 a.m. until noon, Westminster is hosting a Pancakes and Praise event for youth age 4-grade 6. The morning will consist of a meal, lesson, crafts, games, singing and a science experiment. Registration forms are available outside the CE Office. Volunteers are needed for this activity. Please contact Laura, Kay or Anne if you can help.

Watch your newsletter and bulletin for information about Rally Day/Blessing of the Backpacks.

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending May 31, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$75,988.79
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$63,964.46
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$12,024.33

Acolyte Schedule

Reminder: Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. in July, and at 10:30 a.m. in August.

July 6—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk	Aug. 3—Hadley Hanna & Emersyn McDougal
July 13—Saylor Watson & Hadley Hanna	Aug. 10—Tommy & Mollie Soderlund
July 20—Logan Sternberg & Breckon Lauer	Aug. 17—Logan Sternberg & Parker Klausing
July 27—Parker Klausing & Gavin Peck	Aug. 24—Henry & Hayden Montroy
	Aug. 31—Addie Lauer & Alana Ethington

July Anniversaries

July 5—Matt & Erin Foster
July 7—Eric & Brandy Steely
July 13—Andy & Megan Dahlem
July 14—Dan & Lynn Peck
July 16—Gary & Debi Klausing
July 25—Greg & Jane Russell



July Birthdays

July 2—Don Rheinecker
July 8—Christy Howell
July 9—Maddux Steely, Glenn Short
July 12—Parker Klausing
July 13—Courtney Rucks
July 15—Carla Long
July 16—Alene Holloway
July 18—Gloria Schobert, Chase Bernardoni
July 19—Dave Heuman
July 24—Jane Russell
July 26—Anne Bourner
July 27—Lori Feld, Annabelle Foster,
Knox Waldron
July 28—Drew Byington

WOW still has pecans available to buy. If you need any, or have any questions, please see Sue Hooper.



On Monday, July 14, all kids age 4 through 6th grade are invited to join us from 10 a.m. until noon for "Pancakes and Praise." We will begin with a pancake breakfast, followed by several activities to help them build their faith. Please let us know by July 7 if your kids can join us!

Parent and Family Corner

Below is an excerpt from "The Daily Dad" by Ryan Holiday.
Help Them become Who They Are

"A lot of parents will do anything for their kids, except let them be themselves." Banksy

In his autobiography, Bruce Springsteen takes us back to when he was seven years old and he watched the controversial rock star Elvis Presley's appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show: "I sat there transfixed in front of the television set, my mind on fire. I had the same two arms, two legs, two eyes; I looked hideous but I'd figure that part out.... So what was missing? THE GUITAR! The next day I convinced my mom to take me to Diehl's Music on South Street in Freehold. There, with no money to spend, we rented a guitar."

Our job as parents is not to mold our children into our successors or into superstars. It's to help them be what they are meant to become. We expose them to things, we let them find what interests them, and then we support those interests. We shouldn't pressure; we shouldn't criticize. We should believe in them, cheer for them...and be ready to catch them if they fall or fail on the path to becoming who they are meant to be.

Thank You...

Dear Westminster Friends and Family, A sincere "Thank you!" for the meaningful Memorial service for Bob. Each of you had a significant part in bringing Bob to his heavenly home. We so appreciate how you showered us with your comfort and shared such sweet memories to all our family. To our church family, we were raised in this church alongside you and served faithfully. The Lord has always blessed us with his presence and guidance through our 70 years. Thank you also to the Westminster Women's Kitchen Crew who seamlessly provided a beautiful luncheon for us. The tables decorated with all our personal family pictures reminded us of all our blessings. To all that provided the homemade desserts and side dishes, you are so appreciated. They were delicious. Thank you so much for all of the beautiful flowers, plants, and tributes to Bob's love of generosity. Your condolences and cards are still coming, and they are bringing us much comfort. Our family wishes to keep Bob's spirit alive in memory, as this church prospers in its mission to bring Christ to all people on the earth. Alene and family

We wanted to thank your church again for the generous gift to our family following the devastating tornado in Marion on May 16. Your generosity means so much to us. And thank you to everyone who had supper with us and to Mr. & Mrs. Sternberg for our dinner. We are forever grateful! With love and thanks, The McReaken Family (Jeff, Christy, Corbin, Ashton, Camri & Chandler)

Thank you so much for the acknowledgement of my graduation with your very generous gift. I am so excited to be starting college soon, and your gift will help me so much!
Katie Rae Vickery

Notes from Session

- A motion was made and approved to work on a new directory for the church. It has been 10 years since our last one.
 - There are leaks around the skylights in the Eva Beever Hall. Bids are being collected on the cost of the repairs.
 - A motion was made and approved to hold a PSEI meeting at our church on September 11th for neighboring Presbyterian churches to discuss ongoing issues.
 - Tom Hobson will be our preacher on July 6, and Clint Borcky will be her on the 13th, 20th and 27th.
 - Money that was collected for the tornado victims was in the amount of \$2235, plus \$168.50 that was collected during VBS. Thanks for supporting this!
 - Communion was given to the Joiners.
 - Our thanks to all that worked so hard to make VBS a success!
- If you are chairperson of any committee, please remember to submit minutes by the second Tuesday of the month to Doris Lehman or the office. Thank you!
- Next meeting will be July 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Out and About at Westminster



Left & below: Everyone had a great time at True North VBS! We had an average of 34 kids each day, and so many helpers! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, from our kitchen crew, to our group leaders. A special "Thank you!" to Sherri Sroka, Breckon Lauer, Mary Niemeyer, Jane Russell and Katie Lauer for their help with each of the sections every day!



Christy and Jeff McReaken joined Mike and Mary Sternberg, John and Trisha Adams and Clint Borky for dinner Monday evening, June 23. The McReaken's lost their home, contents and multiple vehicles in the tornado that hit south of Marion on May 16 th . Their children Camri and Chandler, along with their 4 dogs were all home. By the grace of God they were in the basement just seconds before the storm hit and were not seriously injured. The Mc Reakens are cousins of Gayle North. We presented a check to help the McReaken's begin to rebuild their lives. Their home was completely destroyed as well as all their vehicles. They plan to rebuild on the original site. They are very appreciative of the prayers and support from Westminster. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Thank you for stepping up and helping with tornado relief. Westminster is such a loving and giving church.

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	2	3 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	4	5
6 <i>Tom Hobson preaching</i>	7 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	8 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>5:30 pm Session</i>	9 <i>7 pm. Trustees</i>	10 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	11	12
13 <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	14 <i>10-noon "Pancakes and Praise"</i>	15 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	16	17 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	18	19
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